

Response to Amendment

Applicant's Amendment filed on June 17 2009 is acknowledged.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-33 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Considering applicant's amendments to claims 12 and 22 and Applicant's arguments, filed on June 17 2009, with respect to the rejection of claims 12-33, the rejection of claims 12-33 has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Paul Bowen on October 20 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 12 line 20 delete "clockwise" and insert therefor --- clocked ---;

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In claim 22 lines 7 and 8 delete "said gas burner is supplied with said gas in an intermittently" and insert therefor --- said gas is supplied intermittently to said gas burner ---;

In claim 33 line 1 delete "gas cooking surface" and insert therefor ---- operating method ---.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHUKA C. NDUBIZU whose telephone number is (571)272-6531. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8.30 - 4.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Rinehart can be reached on 571-272-4881. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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